

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Farm Service Agency  
Washington, DC 20250

**Notice PL-96**

**For:** State and County Offices

**FY 2000 Price Support (PS) Payment Limitation (PLM) File**

**Approved by:** Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



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**1 Overview**

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**Background**

A majority of producer PS benefits are issued through CMA's. Current software is year specific for all PLM files. Reallocations to the CMA PS PLM account requires a 3- to 4-week transmission period. This results in delays in issuing CMA PS benefits. To accelerate the distribution of PS benefits, a software change has been incorporated. The change will incorporate an automatic update of CY PS PLM amounts when a change is made to the CY-1 PS PLM amount by the County Office.

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**Purpose**

This notice describes:

- an edit designed to reallocate FY 2000 PS PLM records when the FY 1999 PS PLM amount was updated after rollover
- a software change for allocating PS PLM files.

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**Implementation**

The file edit will be performed on the KC-ITSDO mainframe to revise FY 2000 PS PLM files. A corresponding download will be performed through normal subsidiary processes.

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**Disposal Date**

November 1, 2000

**Distribution**

State Offices; State Offices relay to County  
Offices

## 2 Mainframe Edit

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#### **Describing the Edit**

A mainframe edit will be executed that will reallocate FY 2000 PS PLM records for producers who meet **all** the following conditions:

- were multi-county or a member of a combined account before FY 2000 rollover
- did not have any change in the number of counties in the FY 2000 multi-county amount since rollover occurred
- did have a change of the 1999 PS PLM amount after the FY 2000 subsidiary file rollover occurred.

When the FY 1999 PS PLM amount was updated by the control County Office, the change applied only to FY 1999. The FY 2000 PS PLM amount remained as it was at rollover. The edit will reset the FY 2000 PS PLM amount for the applicable producers to correspond with the revised FY 1999 PS PLM files. After the edit is processed, the results will be downloaded to all affected County Offices using the normal subsidiary file download process.

**Exception:** A PS PLM reallocation will not occur when the FY 1999 multi-county amount or the combined producer amount for the producer is not the same for both 1999 and 2000. Software will be released in the near future to cover these cases.

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#### Example

The following is an example of a producer PS PLM amount, which updated since 2000 rollover.

After 2000 rollover, the FY 2000 PS PLM amount was allocated as follows.

County	FY 1999	FY 2000
A	150,000	75,000
B	0	0

After 2000 rollover, updates to the FY 1999 PS PLM amount did not update the CY PS PLM amount.

County	FY 1999	FY 2000
A	90,000	75,000
B	60,000	0

After the mainframe edit, the FY 2000 PS PLM amount will be changed as follows.

County	Before Edit	After Edit
A	90,000	45,000
B	60,000	30,000

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#### Software Change

County Release No. 436 will provide a modification to the PS PLM update process. Currently, a revision to a producer's PS PLM amount is year specific. After the edit is executed, a County Office change to the producer's CY-1 PS PLM amount will result in an automatic reallocation of the producer's corresponding CY PS PLM amount. This is an automatic process that is invoked when the producer's CY-1 and CY PS PLM amount records match.

**Note:** If a change is made to a producer's FY 2000 PS PLM amount, only FY 2000 is changed. No adjustment will occur to the FY 1999 PS PLM amount.

After the mainframe edit has run, the PS PLM software will change CY PS PLM records when the CY-1 records are changed.

PS PLM changes will be processed by software as follows.

IF a change is made to the producer's...	THEN...	AND...
CY-1 PS PLM amount	a like adjustment will automatically be applied to the CY PS PLM amount	no action is required by the County Office.
CY PS PLM amount	an adjustment to the CY-1 PS PLM amount will not occur	
number of county's increase or decrease in the producer's multi-county combined producer file	an adjustment will not be made to the CY PS PLM amount	the CY PS PLM amount must be manually adjusted, as necessary.